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TAGS: PDEV, RH, NI, US

SUBJECT: OBASANJO THE DESPOT

REF: LAGOS 4176

I WAS INTERESTED, TO PUT IT MILDLY, BY APRIL 4 WIRELESS FILE REPORT ON WASHINGTON STAR EDITORIAL BADMOUTHING PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT TO NIGERIA. THE EDITORIAL BETRAYS COMPLETE IGNORANCE OF WHAT THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN IS ALL ABOUT. TO CALL OBASANJO A DESPOT - AND MISSPELL HIS LAST NAME - IS SOMETHING WE MIGHT EXPECT FROM A BOTTOM-OF-THE-CLASS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLER BUT NOT FROM A MAJOR NEWSPAPER IN OUR NATION'S CAPITAL. PERHAPS HENRY BRADSHAW'S PERCEPTIVE REPORTING FROM LAGOS (SEE REFTEL REGARDING HIS INTERVIEW WITH GARBA) WILL HAVE A SALUTARY INFLUENCE ON HIS PAPER'S EDITORIAL WRITERS.

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